

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) The Oman Oil Company has taken up the feasibility study for the Oman-India pipeline project. The feasibility study is yet to be completed.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It was decided in the meeting that efforts to obtain the consent of the Government of Pakistan for the survey of the pipeline route through Pakistan's EEZ should continue. It was also agreed that further information is required before a decision is taken to study the feasibility of the deep-sea route.

(d) and (e) Iran has indicated that they have taken up the feasibility study for an LNG project. Iran may offer to export LNG to India after the feasibility study is completed.

ADB Assistance for Power Sector

*119 DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide \$ 150 million aid for financing renewable energy development agency.

(b) if so, the projects to be undertaken under ADB loan.

(c) the time by which the work on the projects are likely to be started.

(d) whether IREDA has signed a MOU with ADB to carry out studies in specific renewable energy sectors; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). A technical Assistance Agreement was signed between Government of India, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for conducting a technical, financial and economic evaluation of three renewable energy sources cogeneration, Methane Gas Generation and Solar Thermal systems. Subsequently, Wind Electric Generation was also included in the study. The study recommended a loan of US \$ 130 million from ADB to IREDA for market development in the above four sectors.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) fielded a Fact Finding Mission from 20th May to 3rd June, 1995 and subsequently an Appraisal Mission from 21st August to 4th September, 1995. The Mission submitted its Aide

Memoire and recommended a loan of US \$ 150 million for harnessing the above sectors. The amount of loan and associated terms and modalities are being worked out in consultation with ADB.

Petroleum Products

*120. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the new oil/gas reserves discovered from 1995 onwards, both onshore and off-shore, that are commercially viable for production of petroleum products; and

(b) the time by which the production is likely to commence and the quantities expected annually therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) Oil/gas reserves have been discovered at the following places in the country during 1995 and 1996 :-

1. Kamboi	- Cambay Basin
2. Bhubandar	- Assam Arakan Fold Belt
3. Adivipalem	- Krishna Godavari Onland
4. Mullikipalle	- Krishna Godvari Onland
5. Lankapalem	- Krishna Godvari Onland
6. Mahadevapatnam	- Krishna Godvari Onland
7. Kizhvalur	- Cauvery Basin Onland
8. Pundi	- Cauvery Basin Onland
9. Bhukulajan	- Assam
10. Rajali	- Assam
11. Rungaliting	- Assam
12. Borhapjan	- Assam
13. Tamulikhat	- Assam
14. Gumnewala	- Rajasthan
15. WO-16	- Bombay Offshore
16. B-153	- Bombay Offshore
17. WO - 15	- Bombay Offshore
18. C-39	- Bombay Offshore

The commercial viability of these funds is under assessment.

(b) The following discoveries have already been put on trial production for further assessment of their potential :-

1. Kamboi
2. Pundi
3. Lankapalem